

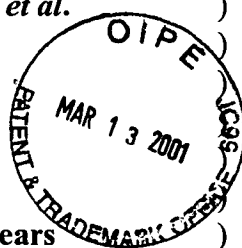
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Carol Morris et al.**

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For: **Diagnosis of Disease Using Tears**



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**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated February 13, 2001 (Paper No. 7), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

f<sup>1</sup>  
--In a preferred embodiment, the disease marker is a protein, preferably a protein having a N-terminal sequence selected from:  
EDASSDSTGA DPAQ(E/Q)AGTSQ PNEDIAG (SEQ ID NO: 1);  
WDPKE: (SEQ ID NO: 2); and  
DSGCKLLEDM VEKTINSDIS IPEYKELLQE FIDSDAAAEA MGKFKQCFLN  
QSHRTLKNFG LMMHTVYDSI WCNL (SEQ ID NO: 3).--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 14 with the following rewritten paragraph:

f<sup>2</sup>  
--In a second aspect, the present invention consists of a protein marker detectable in tears having an N-terminus selected from:  
EDASSDSTGA DPAQ(E/Q)AGTSQ PNEDIAG (SEQ ID NO: 1);  
WDPKE: (SEQ ID NO: 2); and  
DSGCKLLEDM VEKTINSDIS IPEYKELLQE FIDSDAAAEA MGKFKQCFLN  
QSHRTLKNFG LMMHTVYDSI WCNL (SEQ ID NO: 3).--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 20 with the following rewritten paragraph:

B<sup>3</sup>  
--Preferably, the protein marker detectable in tears includes the amino acid sequence:  
EDASSDSTGA DPAQ(E/Q)AGTSQ PNEDIAG (SEQ ID NO: 1);

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